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This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the April 1 Milk Production Report. Total production and number of cows are reported for selected states and the U.S.

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Sincerely,

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Director

Idaho Milk Production Up 3.0 Percent

Idaho milk production during March 2010 totaled 1.04 billion pounds, a 3.0 percent increase from the same month last year, but up 11 percent from February 2010. February 2010 milk production was revised to 936 million pounds, up 3 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in March 2010 was 1,880 pounds, up 40 pounds from March 2009. The average number of milk cows during March was 554,000 head, up 4,000 from March 2009, but unchanged from February 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.4 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from March 2009. February revised production at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 0.3 percent from February 2009. The February revision represented an increase of 17 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,846 pounds for March, 51 pounds above March 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 162,000 head less than March 2009, but 1,000 head more than February 2010.

Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2009-2010

Month	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	554	551	1,810	1,860	1,003	1,025	2.2
February*	549	554	1,640	1,690	900	936	4.0
March	550	554	1,840	1,880	1,012	1,042	3.0
April	551		1,800		992		
May	553		1,910		1,056		
June	549		1,880		1,032		
July	550		1,930		1,062		
August	548		1,940		1,063		
September	546		1,850		1,010		
October	546		1,870		1,021		
November	548		1,790		981		
December	550		1,850		1,018		
Annual	550		22,091		12,150		

*Revised 1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, March 2009-2010

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	189	170	2,110	2,180	399	371	-7.0
California	1,821	1,758	1,925	1,980	3,505	3,481	-0.7
Colorado	128	116	1,980	2,000	253	232	-8.3
Florida	117	113	1,760	1,700	206	192	-6.8
Idaho	550	554	1,840	1,880	1,012	1,042	3.0
Illinois	102	101	1,675	1,715	171	173	1.2
Indiana	167	169	1,750	1,765	292	298	2.1
Iowa	215	210	1,730	1,775	372	373	0.3
Kansas	122	116	1,835	1,835	224	213	-4.9
Michigan	355	356	1,895	1,975	673	703	4.5
Minnesota	468	470	1,640	1,695	768	797	3.8
Missouri	108	101	1,320	1,295	143	131	-8.4
New Mexico	333	321	2,110	2,105	703	676	-3.8
New York	623	610	1,700	1,740	1,059	1,061	0.2
Ohio	277	268	1,610	1,680	446	450	0.9
Oregon	114	115	1,710	1,740	195	200	2.6
Pennsylvania	550	540	1,670	1,730	919	934	1.6
Texas	430	410	1,850	1,890	796	775	-2.6
Utah	85	83	1,740	1,780	148	148	-
Vermont	136	135	1,565	1,605	213	217	1.9
Virginia	97	95	1,600	1,560	155	148	-4.5
Washington	239	249	1,950	2,020	466	503	7.9
Wisconsin	1,256	1,260	1,675	1,775	2,104	2,237	6.3
23 State Total	8,482	8,320	1,795	1,846	15,222	15,355	0.9

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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